

Out of rivalry... cooperation:

Washougal began as a community 125 years ago, and later was joined in eastern Clark County by LaCamas, later still changed to Camas.

Rivalry was intense, from the football field to the main street. The competition became so intense, that for a time, athletic games between the two schools ceased.

Intervening years brought consolidation or merger no closer for schools or cities. Each time the issue was voted down.

But 20 years ago, approximately, there was a move to bring together the commercial, industrial, community aspects into a single Chamber of Commerce. It has continued to serve both cities, and the benefits have been mutual.

Facts of the Area:

POPULATION — Camas 5,990
Washougal 3,475

CLIMATE — Mild climate with average temperature over 10 years of 54° and average rainfall of 37.95 inches per year.

TRANSPORTATION — Two truck lines, two bus lines, Burlington Northern Railway, local airport.

FINANCE — 3 banks, 3 Savings and Loan, 2 Credit Unions, and 1 loan office.

UTILITIES — Public Utility District, Northwest Natural Gas, General Telephone.

SCHOOLS — 2 high schools, 2 junior high schools, 7 grade and elementary.

GOVERNMENT — Both are Third Class Cities with Mayors and Councilmen.

NEWSPAPERS — 1 local weekly, access to 3 dailies from nearby Vancouver and Portland, Ore.

ALTITUDE — 52 feet above sea level.

CHURCHES — Number 25, including Catholic and Protestant Churches.

POLICE PROTECTION —
Camas - 11 policemen
Washougal - 4 Clark County deputies.

FIRE PROTECTION — Camas:
Rating 4; 6 regulars and 35 volunteers.
Washougal: Rating 6; 2 regulars and 30 volunteers.

ECONOMY — Paper Industry and Research, Paper Industry Machine Manufacturing, Woolen Fabric Manufacturing, Mobile Homes, Forest Products Manufacturing, Metal and Plastic Fabricating and varied industries.

TV & RADIO — Clear reception from nearby Portland's 5 TV stations, one area served by cable, and 17 radio stations.

HEALTH SERVICES — 10 Physicians, 8 Dentists, 3 Orthodontists, 3 Chiropractors, 3 Optometrists, 2 Ambulances, and 15 to 20 minutes from 2 hospitals in nearby Vancouver.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES —
3 Accountants, 9 Attorneys.

RETAIL — Approximately 200 retail and business establishments in our twin city area.